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1. Boleslaw Bierut's recent public appeal for the return of Polish emigres was made upon specific instructions from the Soviet Politburo. Nikita S. Krushchev maintained that such a gesture, coupled with Bierut's official assurance that Polish returnees would be warmly received in their homeland, would create an atmosphere of Communist goodwill immediately prior to the Geneva Conference and would have an important secondary effect by "destroying centers of defeatism."
2. The PZPR (Polish United Workers Party) Central Committee voiced strong objections to such an appeal on the grounds that returning emigres would constitute a corrosive and destructive element of the population and would have little of positive economic value to offer the State. To be sure, these objections by the PZPR leaders were overruled, and Bierut complied with the Soviet instructions. However, the objectors remained skeptical, expecting the appeal to meet with relatively little success.

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